

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before The
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000)

Docket No. R2000-1

MOTION OF
THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
FOR MODIFICATION OF PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. R2000-1/121
(August 16, 2000)

To: Hon. Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer

The Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA"), pursuant to Rule 21(a) of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission ("Commission"), hereby moves for a modification of "Presiding Officer's Ruling Granting Extension of Time for Responses to Notice of Inquiry No. 4," issued August 16, 2000. POR R2000-1/121 granted an extension of the time within which to respond to "Notice of Inquiry No. 4 Concerning Mail Processing Variability Models," as jointly requested by the OCA and United Parcel Service ("UPS"). While the extension was granted to August 25, 2000, as requested, however, the time for cross-examination of any testimony filed in response to NOI No. 4 was extended to a newly established hearing date of September 6, 2000. The Ruling acknowledged the position of the Postal Service that responses should be filed on August 21, 2000; in granting the longer extension, the new hearing date was

established in order to provide the Postal Service with "adequate time . . . to prepare to cross-examine" testimony filed in response to NOI No. 4.

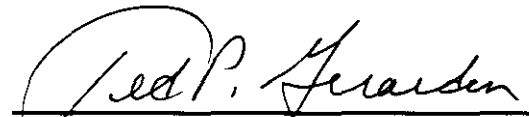
The OCA has been in contact with the Postal Service, UPS, and a coalition of intervenors that also has expressed interest in responding to NOI No. 4 (Magazine Publishers of America, Inc.; Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers; American Business Media; Coalition of Religious Press Associations; Dow Jones & Company, Inc.; The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.; National Newspaper Association; and Time Warner, Inc.). These parties have authorized the OCA to request modification of POR R2000-1/121 to establish August 21, 2000, as the date for responses to NOI No. 4 and to schedule cross-examination on any testimony filed in response to NOI No. 4 during the hearings now scheduled for August 23-September 1, 2000. It is the consensus of these participants that the Commission should avoid scheduling an additional hearing day in September.

WHEREFORE, the OCA, with the concurrence of the Postal Service, UPS, and the coalition parties (Magazine Publishers of America, Inc.; Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers; American Business Media; Coalition of Religious Press Associations; Dow Jones & Company, Inc.; The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.; National Newspaper Association; and Time Warner, Inc.) requests that the date for filing of responses to Notice of Inquiry No. 4 be established as August 21, 2000, and that hearings for cross-

examination of any testimony filed in response to NOI No. 4 be held during the hearing dates scheduled for August 23-September 1, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Consumer Advocate

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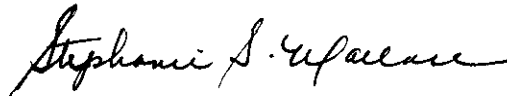
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephanie S. Wallace".

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